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Elaine Raiten**REPLY**

This Reply is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 21, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination, a petition for a three-month time extension and corresponding fees are submitted herewith. No additional fee is thought to be necessary. However, if any fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same. This Reply includes the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** beginning on page 13 of this paper.

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